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Dated: September 30, 1999.

**Fred Karnas, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application for endangered species permit.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by November 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Coordinator). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Dell, Telephone: 404/679-7313; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Applicant:* Dr. Margaret Devall, USDA Forest Service, Center for Bottomland Hardwood Research, Stoneville, Mississippi, TE017374-0.

The applicant requests authorization to collect seeds of the endangered pondberry, *Lindera melissifolia*, for propagation and research on federal properties throughout Mississippi and Arkansas for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Paul E. Durfield and Jeremy Poirier, International Paper, Bainbridge, Georgia, TE017004-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture for banding and harass during translocation, nest monitoring

and augmentation) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 092799C]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 960-1528

**AGENCIES:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the University of California Museum of Natural History Collections, Department for Environmental Studies, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, has applied in due form for a permit to take all species of Cetacea, Pinnipedia, and Sirenia for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment. (See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The Applicant requests authorization to import marine mammal parts from salvaged specimens worldwide. No specimens will be collected from live animals in the wild. Only specimens from salvaged animals dead at sea or on shore, dead incidental to a commercial fishery where such fishery is legal, and dead as a result of natural causes. Specimens will be deposited in the Museum for scientific study that will contribute to baseline data on the distribution, age and growth, assimilation of environmental contaminants, DNA analysis reproductive and other biological aspects of marine mammals.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents associated with this application are in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA, 98115-0070 (206/526-6150);